Unplowed, unsown, by scythe unshorn, The poor, forsaken farm-fields lie, Once rich and rife with golden corn And pale green breadths of rye.

Of healthful herb and flower bereft, The garden plot no housewife keep Through weedf and tangle, only left, The snake, its tenant, creeps.

A lilac spray, once blossom-clad, Sways bare before the empty root Beside the roofiess poarch a sad Pathetic red rose blooms.

His track, in mold and dust of drouth, On floor and hearth the squirrel leav And in the fireless chimney's mouth His web the spider weaves.

The leaning barn, about to fall, Resounds no more on husking eves; Resounds no more on husking of No cattle low in yard or stall,
No threasher beats his sheaves.

Bo sad, so drear! It seems almost Bome hannting presence makes its sign; That down yon shadowny lane some ghost Might drive his spectral kine!

O home so desolate and lorn!
Did all thy memories die with thee?
Were any wod, were any born,
Beneath this low roof-tree?

Whose ax the wall of forest broke, And let the waiting sunshine through? What good-wife sent the earliest smoke Up the great chimney flue?

Did rustic lovers hither come?
Did maidens, swaying back and fourth
In rhythmic grace, at wheel and loom,
Make light their toil with mirth?

Did child feet patter on the stair?
Did boyhood frolic in the snow?
Did gray age, in her elbow chair,
Knit, rocking to and fro?

The murmering brook, the sighing breeze, The pine's slow whisper, can not tell; Low mounds beneath the hemlock trees Keep the home secret well.

Cosee, motherland, to fondly boast Of sons far off who strive and thrive, Forgetful that each swarming host Must leave an emptier hive!

O wanderers from ancestral soil, Leave noisome mill and chaffering sto Gird up your loins for sturdier toil, And build the home once more!

Come back to bayberry-scented slopes And fragrant fern, and ground-mat Breathe airs blown over holt and cops Bweet with black birch and pine.

What matter if the gains are small That life's essential wants supply? Your homestead's title gives you all That idle wealth can buy.

All that the many-dollard crave,
The brick-walled slaves of change and ma
Lawns, trees, fresh air, and flowers, you ha
More dear for lack of art.

Your own sole masters, freedom-willed, With none to bid you go or stay, Till the old fields your fathers tilled, As manly men as they!

With skill that spares your toiling hands, And chemic aid that science brings. Beclaim the waste and out worn lands, And reign thereon as kings!

## A SACRIFICE.

Many years ago I had a friend, Kenneth Lambert. He was younger than for he took his brother's place at the myself, at that time five or six and twenty full of aspirations for a better, purer ex-, istance than the life we lead.

His day dream, cherished for a long time, was to leave society, and choosing some retired spot, live there alone with nature, in study and contemplation.

"Talk" his friends called it when they heard of it But Kenneth, through all

Of the wayside chapel nothing was left riage, should come and steal her away but an archway. Behind this he had from his brother. two rooms, one over the other. When all was completed he went there. Some people, I know, thought him mad. His sisters laughed, saying he would soon be day showed off the children to the rooms. new walls built, dividing the house into would gladly have joined him, but a man with a cold look of disgust, saying, "I yielding. She threw herself kneeling, with a wife and child is not a free agent. He cannot retire into a life of contemcould forgive. "That unnatural woman," plation, however much he may wish it ..

I went to see Kenneth in his nev home. The place was almost inaccessible. Had not Kenneth met me on the crossed the room to say to me: "Look at through the half open door into the hilltop and shown me the way over moor and moss I should never have found it. Hermit Kenneth in this frivolous scene." though in every way possible I tried rea-The chapel was in a copse; a wild stream brawled by it. The oak, alder and holly were restrained by a fence from encroach ing on the chapel, and marsh plants had grown pale and thin during his solition nearest Kenneth's retreat, and with thrust their stems through the bars tary life, and wore a thoughtful air I some little difficulty found my way to The nearest house was a farm half a mile away. Kenneth's bedroom was simple, his sitting-room furnished in said I. Nothing has surple than your appearance here."

than your appearance here."

"I knew it would be so," he answered. the homely face of Socrates, on a bracket an image of Buddha. Between these was an engraving of Dore's Vale of Tears. Books, too, there were in plenty, and the wild solitude fox terrier—such were Kenneth's com-

"And nature," he said, when I made this remark.

ission sends you forth?" "Peace and quiet?" he answered,

a presentiment that this idea not last long. I shall marry."

nothing of Kenneth. We went for the winter to Torremouth, I and my wife, and to her our surprise and pleasure found the mand, came here to find the destroyer." Lamberts had the house next our own At that moment he trembled, touched lived Mrs. Vernay. Mrs. Vernay was There stood Frank and Mrs. Vernaythe belle of Torremouth, and justly; I she with the jeweled snake twisted in her never saw any woman so beautiful, never hair, he with another, a bracelet of hers, shall II again see such a face. She was clasped around his wrists; some joke had tall and slight, with a fair skin, blue passed between them, and she had slipped

eyes shaded with dark lashes, and her pely head crowned with really gold-hair. No art was there; it was all nature, nature in her utmost perfection.

She was young, a widow, said to be anything more dangerous than a boyish enormously rich, but had she been a love affair can result from Frank's friendgar-maid we all should have wor-sed her. Young, old, single, married, "Lilith!" was all he said. there were none but what paid homage

Frank Lambert was badly bitten by

at him! declaring their prophecies true ing with them, and upheld Kenneth Frank ever would, ever could love?

whatever we might say.

Mrs. Vernay dined that night with the Lamberts, coming in like some beau-tiful being from another world, jewels glinting in her dress, and in her hair a snake that glittered with diamonds and

We all came and paid court to her, Kenneth included. She looked with in-

terest at him, saying:
"Ah! the Hermit brother. I have so wanted to see you. Have you left your "Yes, as we all knew he would," quoth

Marie Lambert. "The cold weather on that moor could not be endured." "My sister is mistaken," said Ken eth; "I left for other reasons, and did not particularly like coming away from

my solitude."

"We will teach you the pleasures of society," Mrs. Vernay cried. "Solitude is horrible. Man was not made to live

Did I see Kenneth wince? I could not tell.

Then Grace came, asking Mrs. Vernay to write in her birthday book. And the beauty inscribed "Lilly Vernay" in a clear beautiful writing, matchless as herself.

Kenneth read it over Gracie's sholdier. "Your name is Lilith," he said to Mrs. "Who told you that?" she asked, and

he replied: "I know it," without offering any ex-

"Lilith! horrid!" murmured Grace, as with Frank, Mrs. Vernay moved toward the piano.
"I think its pretty; why horrid?"

Maria asked. "Do you know about Lilith?" her friend replied. "She was Adam's first wife, and for transgression was turned out of Paradise. She is the enemy of all little children, and when Jewish babies are born the nurses write, 'Lilith, avaunt!' against the wall, lest she should come and kill the child. And tradition says that she still haunts the world as a beautiful woman, who entices men to marry

golden hair." "A tradition," said I, "something like the legends of the Greek Lamia." "How do you know that there is not

her, and then strangles them in her

them?" Kenneth asked. Meanwhile Mrs. Vernay was singing song after song, and with every note stealing away a bit of Frank's heart. And her music won Kenneth to her side,

the music. I confess that in those days I wa vexed with Kenneth, for he seemed to have taken a sudden and inexplicable plunge into the society which a few months previously he had abjured forhis work—and he was no idler—retained ever. There seemed only one explana the notion of this plan. At last an unex- tion-his ideal life had proved dull and pected legacy enabled him to leave the irksome. Everywhere I met him, chiefly bar and purchase the chosen site for his with Mrs. Vernay; often Frank was with new home.

It was a ruined chapel on the side of a moor—a place he had known all his life.

Of the wayside chapel nothing was left.

A few women there were who disliked rs laughed, saying he would soon be day showed off the children to the pretty a cloud of vapor grose from the lamp, scheme. I believe in him. I widow, Mrs. Vernay turned from them and he turned to face her, stern and unmy wife henceforth called her.

"I wish I was at the chapel," Kenneth sonably to account for it. himself remarked; and certainly no man looked so unsuited to a ball room. He by the earliest train, stopping at the statary life, and wore a thoughtful air I some little difficulty found my way to never before had noticed in him.

"Why on earth don't you go back?" yet I seemed to note hanging round the said I. 'Nothing has surprised me more room faint traces of that smoke-like va-

"I had to come." Then in that incongruous place he began telling me his experiences in that

"I began to think my life there useless a mere indulgence of my own tastes. I read and thought, but the mysteries of life seemed as unfathomable as ever. "And here it is that you will stay in One evening I felt myself no longe peace and quiet," I said, "until your alone. I saw nothing, I heard nothing, yet I absorbed this command into my being: 'Go into the world, for there is a smiling; no, those are not for me, I have life you must save, a demon you must a presentiment that this ideal life will vanquish, and the life you have led not last long. I shall marry."

I looked incredulously at him. He showed me his hand. "It is written here," he said; "I see it only too plainly. Far as it is from my desires, it is fated."

I has given you power to fight and seen Kenneth Lambert, nor has any one else.

Now, perhaps you may call me a silly old fool for thinking anything supernatural lay behind these circumstances. here," he said; "I see it to the see it is fated." destroyer and destroyed.' Then across For more than six months I heard the door of my room glided a glittering

We had a flat, and on that flat below us my arm, and bid me look across the room.

t on. "My dear Kenneth, these are fancies nothing but fancies," I said; for his man

"Tell me how did you guess her

"It came to me as that comm

noble schemes and marry like any other ordinary mortal. I rarely saw him with when Kenneth walked in. Torremouth was not more than ten miles from his retreat, and he had walked over, not to pay his mother a passing visit, but to stay if she would have him.

Did any mother over refuse to receive her eldest son? How the girls langhed out Mrs. Vernay. He rode with her, spent long hours in her of the rode with her, spent long hours in her or the was coming from and walked with her on the esplanade. I saked him what was coming from all this, and had for reply: "If I don't marry her Frank will"—an answer which at the first time strukk me as strange.

The city of Hutchison has been declared a city of the second clared.

And one day Frank came to my wife and saying he was weary of solitude. It felt a little surprised at him. Only one fierce ravings against his brother. Why person preserved her faith in him; this had Kenneth talked all that nonsense was Grace Cheslyn, the girls' friend, al-most like another sister. She was stay-came and took away the only woman

> And thus we heard of Kenneth's engagement to the beautiful Mrs. Vernay. 25 cents All the men in the place envied him; but never in my life have I seen so grave and gloomy a lover. Yet, like all the room while his father had been reading other men who met her, he seemed to Bacon aloud to his wife, put his own con-

adore her. I never heard any one question his devotion. Perhaps their eyes were blinde. I know we all pitied Frank. "Reading maketh a full man," and pontion his devotion. Perhaps their eyes were blinde. I know we all pitied Frank. And the time passed merrily by to the wedding day, Mrs Vernay growing daily

Once she passed me as I walked with a friend on the esplanade.
"Good heavens!" he exclaimed; "what

likeness!" "Of whom?" I asked.

"Of a peasant girl in the Black Forest who a few years ago created a great stir in the village. All the young fellows were in love with her. She married one the time." of them and a few days later he was anished no one knew where."

"An unpleasant story, I said, little pleased to notice Kenneth near me, who must have heard every word. "Of course, it is only a chance like-

ness," said my friend. "Litth!" murmured Kenneth as he

passed me. A week or two later and there was a fashionable weedding in Torremouth, dismal as are all such festivities. Kenneth had begged his might be quiet, but Mrs. Vernay laughed in his face.

"You ridiculous boy!" she said; "peo-"You ridicu A week or two later and there was a

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all—and I was refreshing myself by a

A total stranger came up and address ed me, inquiring about that morning's wedding. He appeared to have been a spectator in the church. Among other hings he asked me the bride's name.

"She was a Mrs. Vernay," I replied.
"Ah," he said, "I thought I knew her "May I ask where you met her?"

"In Ceylon. She came out as a bride after three weeks—." He paused, but begged him to go on. "He husband was found strangled in his bed. They said one of the Syces had truth in traditions and folly in rejecting done it, but some thought Mrs. Vernay

could have explained the matter." I asked no further questions—a voice eemed to whisper in my ear, "Lilith!"

and the stranger went on his way. pages—I believe in all the wrong places, for he looked more in her face than at the music. But I forgot my forebodings as the of them, of the weather they must be enjoying, and speculated as to their future

me, as yet undetermined. One night after my wife had gone to bed I was lingering over the fire. Carelessly I raised my eyes toward a mirror hung above the mantel piece, and then my attention was riveted by the reflection my attention was riveted by the reflection of the room I was in, but a faithful picture of Kenneth's retreat at the chapel

I saw the door open and a flood of pale noonlight stream into the room. I saw Kenneth and his wife enter as from a long journey, and I noticed her passing around the room looking at his treasures my wife henceforth called her.

How lovely she looked at the Christmas ball, when, radiant with delight, she faltered, and with a cry this being rushed

The next morning I left Torremouth the chapel. All was lonely and deserted

I returned to Torrenmouth telling my self that it was but fancy, and that Kenneth, with his wife, were in Westmoreland At home, to my surprise, I found

Frank waiting to see me "I have seen Kenneth." were his first words.

"When?" I cried. "He came to me last night; I have seen her too," (lowering his voice,) in her true form. I know all that he did

for me. See-he gave me this." It was a noose made of a thick coil of

From that time to this I have never

You may call Kenneth mad, as many do and find excellent reasons to account for everything else.

I have told neither more nor less tha I saw. Put what interpretations you please upon it, I can offer none. Was she Lilith?

I cannot tell. But she cost the life (no matter how it ended) of one of the noblest men I ever knew. And Frank still suffers from having once been beneath her influence.

Talking Business in His Sleep.
"The cook stove at our house," said Major Fenwick, "has been acting up ever since the freeze, and I was ordered to go to George De Cotte's and have a load of mixed wood split fine and sent up. Well, you know the night we attended the lodge meeting? That was the day. I forgot all about it, and when I came Frank Lambert was badly bitten by her charms. He was two-and-twenty, home for his first long leave. Mrs. Vernay encouraged him more than any of the others; perhaps being such a boy she looked on him as a safe game. I know that she stole his heart with the brothers would marry beautiful Mrs. Vernay. I confess I wondered myself whether Kenneth would relinquish his noble schemes and marry like any other the madam asked me about the chips and splinters, and I owned up that business drove it out of my head, but as I would see De Cotte's that night would give the order and it would be sent up in the morning. You know we were detained at the lodge to a late hour. Next morning at breakfast house schemes and marry like any other the madam asked me about it, and which is home to supper the madam asked me about the chips and splinters, and I owned up that business drove it out of my head, but as I would see De Cotte's that night would give the order and it would be sent up in the morning. You know we were detained at the lodge to a late hour. Next morning at breakfast the madam told me it was 'hardly worth and the madam asked me about it, and which is home to supper the madam asked me about it, and which is home to supper the madam asked me about the chips and splinters, and I owned up that business drove it out of my head, but as I would see De Cotte's that night would give the order and it would be sent up in the morning. You know we were detained at the lodge to a late hour. Next morning at breakfast the mean would me it was that high would be sent up in the chips and splinters, and I owned up that business drove it out of my head, but as I would see De Cotte's that night would give the order and it would prove the chips and splinters, and I owned up that business drove it out of my head, but as I would see De Cotte's that night would give the order and it owned up that business drove it out of my head, but as I would see De Cotte's that night would give the order and it owned up that business drove it out of my head,

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Johny, who had been sitting in the oom while his father had been reading dered over it the balance of the day.

During the ensuing evening one of the prominent men of the place dropped in to make a short visit. During the conversation which followed Johny asked

"You must do a good deal of reading, don't you?" "Well, yes, my little man, consider

"Well, ma said you were full about all

The gentleman did not wait to have found dead in his bed, the bride having Johnny explain the allusion, and the young man was compelled to have his Bacon annotated by his father's slipper. -Commercial Gazette.

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